
EMT-I CERTIFICATION CHALLENGE REQUIREMENTS

AUTHORITY

California Administrative Code, Title 22, Division 9, Article 3, Section 100078.

PURPOSE

To define the challenge requirements for certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-I (EMT-I).

ELIGIBILITY

An individual may obtain an EMT-I course completion by successfully passing an ICEMA approved course challenge examination if she/he meets one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Currently licensed physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, vocational nurse, or currently licensed paramedic. An individual currently licensed in California as a paramedic or currently certified as an EMT-II is deemed to be certified as an EMT-I with no further testing required.
2. Provide documented evidence of having successfully completed an emergency medical services training program of the Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, of the United States within the preceding two (2) years which meets the Department of Transportation course guidelines. Upon review of documentation, the EMT-I certifying authority may also allow an individual to challenge if the individual was active in the last two (2) years in a prehospital emergency medical classification of the Armed Services, including the Coast Guard of the United States, which does not have formal recertification requirements. These individuals may be required to take a refresher course or obtain continuing education hours according to the "EMT-I Continuing Education Requirements #15207" as a condition of certification.

POLICY

1. The approved EMT-I challenge examination shall consist of a competency-based written and skills examination to test the knowledge of the topics and skills as prescribed in the EMT-I regulations.
2. An eligible person shall be permitted to take the EMT-I challenge exam one time.
3. An eligible person who fails to achieve a passing score on the EMT-I challenge exam shall successfully complete an EMT-I course to receive an EMT-I course completion.
4. The effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and applies for certification.
5. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.

PROCEDURE

An individual applying for certification as an EMT-I within the ICEMA region shall:

1. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with
 - a. Certification fee as established by ICEMA: only cash, money order, cashier's check, or institutional check will be accepted. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
 - b. Copy of front and back of current signed BLS/CPR card.
2. Provide a photo either taken at ICEMA when application is submitted or applicant may submit a driver's license size (no tinted glasses or hats) with their application.

3. Complete a statement that the individual is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
4. Provide documentation of requirements for eligibility.